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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY), OCON, UK
SUBJECT: SPEAKING INVITATIONS TO PRESIDENT DURING MAY
SUMMIT

REF: LONDON 3990

1. THE FLOW OF INVITATIONS, FORMAL AND INFORMAL, THE EMBASSY IS RECEIVING FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SPEAK OR ATTEND VARIOUS FUNCTIONS DURING HIS TIME IN LONDON FOR THE SUMMIT IS INCREASING AND WILL PROBABLY REACH FLOOD PROPORTIONS. ONE CURRENT REQUEST IS FROM THE PILGRIMS, THE PREMIER ANGLO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, OF WHICH THE QUEEN IS PATRON, AND OF WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER HAS OR WILL BE ASKED TO BE HONORARY PRESIDENT.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON PRESIDENTIAL DESIRES IN THIS RESPECT. IF PRESIDENT WISHES TO USE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO LONDON TO MAKE A MAJOR ADDRESS, EMBASSY WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AMONG VARIOUS CONTESTANTS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF PROVIDING A FORUM. IF HE DOES NOT SO WISH, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE RECEIVE EARLY INSTRUCTIONS TO DECLINE ALL INVITATIONS IN ORDER TO BE FAIR TO REQUESTING ORGANIZATIONS WHO WILL NEED TIME TO DEAL WITH LOGISTICS PROBLEMS TO PREPARE FOR SPEECH.

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3. ON BALANCE, WE SUGGEST ALL INVITATIONS BE DECLINED ON GROUNDS OF PRESS OF BUSINESS. THERE IS NO CLEAR, SINGLE FORUM WHICH WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY PREFERABLE TO ALL OTHERS (THE PILGRIMS, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE MORE CEREMONIAL AND ESTABLISHMENT-ORIENTED THAN A SERIOUS SUBSTANTIVE BODY).

4. ONE EXCEPTION WE WOULD SUGGEST FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION, HOWEVER, IS A BRIEF VISIT TO TALK INFORMALLY

TO THE STUDENTS OF THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN LONDON, WHICH IS ATTENDED BY A GOOD PROPORTION OF CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY (IF PRESIDENT WERE TO DECIDE TO DO THIS, ASL SHOULD BE ASKED TO INVITE A DELEGATION OF STUDENTS FROM SMALLER AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL).

5. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

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